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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (currently amended) Aqueous dispersions of non-ionic –N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates obtained from the reaction of:
- (i) a polyisocyanate;
- (ii) a thermally de-blockable -N=C=O blocking agent; and
- (iii) a non-ionic alkoxylated diol having a general formula I:

$$R_1CH_2O-(-CH_2CH_2O)_n-(CH_2CHCH_3O)_m-R_2$$

(I)

wherein:

$$R_1 = \begin{array}{c} HO \longrightarrow CH_2 \\ CH \longrightarrow \\ HO \end{array}$$
(II)

or

$$R_1 = R_3 - C - CH_2$$
HO
(III)

and R² and R₃ are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, and i-butyl;

n is a number from 0-40;

m is a number from 0-40; and

n+m is a number from 20 to 80; and

wherein the equivalent ratio between the polyisocyanate and the non-ionic alkyloxylated diol is such that the percentage of free isocyanate groups in the non-ionic –N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates is from 3 to 10 percent.

- 2. (original) Aqueous dispersions of non-ionic blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 1., wherein n + m is a number from 20 to 40.
- 3. (previously presented) Aqueous dispersion of non-ionic –N-C-O blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 1 wherein the non-ionic alkoxylated diol (iii) has the general formula I:

$$R_1CH_2O-(-CH_2CH_2O)_n-(CH_2CHCH_3O)_m-R_2$$

(I)

wherein:

$$R_{1} = R_{3} - C - CH_{2}$$

$$HO$$

$$HO$$

$$CH_{2}$$

$$CH_{2}$$

$$HO$$

$$(III)$$

and R₂ is methyl, R₃ is ethyl, n is a number from 15 to 30 and m is a number from 0 to 10.

- 4. (previously presented) Aqueous dispersions of non-ionic –N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 1., wherein the polyisocyanate (i) is an isocyanurate obtained from 1,6-hexamethylenediisocyanate and a reaction product of trimethylol propane and toluenediisocyanate.
- 5. (previously presented) Aqueous dispersions of non-ionic –N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 1., wherein the blocking agent (ii) is 3,5-dimethylpyrazole.
- 6. (previously presented) A process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic
 -N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates comprising the steps:
- a. a polyisocyanate (i) and a non-ionic alkoxylated diol (iii) of the general formula:

$$R_1CH_2O-(-CH_2CH_2O)_n-(CH_2CHCH_3O)_m-R_2$$

(I)

wherein